

Angie Lake

From: Eli Rubin <erubin33@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: In opposition to HB 4105 and HB4334

To the Committee,

I am writing as a Michigander who cares deeply about this state and its people.

I am disturbed by both HB 4105 and HB 4334, which would hinder both local communities and our residents (documented and undocumented alike), all in the service of an agenda that is economically wrongheaded, damaging to local governance, and cruel.

First, undocumented people make up about 1% of Michigan's population, and contribute to our communities in terms of the millions of state and federal taxes that they pay, the jobs they work largely in industries that citizens don't want to work and the many businesses they have started, some of which employ US citizens. Indeed, there is a consensus among economists from the right and left of the political spectrum that undocumented people help the US economy much more than they cost it. If you pursue these bills, you will economically harm a state that is already in fragile state.

Second, these bills would allow anti-immigrant groups and individuals to tie up local governments in unending court battles. They are most likely illegal bills, but if they were allowed to stand, they would set a precedent for the state to pass other such bills. Even if you don't agree with sanctuary cities, could you imagine what would happen if the state passed bills punishing local governments that agreed with your priorities? If you pursue these bills, you will irrevocably harm local governance in this state for decades going forward.

Please do the right thing and reject HB 4105 and HB 4334.

Sincerely,

Eli Rubin

Angie Lake

From: Melanie Hagan <melanie.hagan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Opposition to HB 4105 and 4334

Good morning,

I write to express my opposition to the above referenced bills.

These bills place tremendous burdens on local government to train their officers in immigration law and policy and expose themselves to litigation if they do not properly interpret the immigration law, including what might constitute "probable cause" for believing that a person lacks legal immigration status and/or engage in racial profiling. The reporting requirements are also burdensome.

The bills also encourage local enforcement to engage in racial profiling and actively discourage immigrants from reporting crimes when they are victims of crimes, resulting in overall less safety in Michigan communities. In addition, fearing being targeted for loss of revenue, an unscrupulous official could feel pressure to target immigrants in the hope of having an arrest to report.

Creation of a "private attorney general" element where residents can seek action against a city or county if they believed that the city or county was not enforcing immigration statutes and policies would also subject cities and counties to costly litigation from anti-immigrant individuals and groups.

Thank you,

Melanie Hagan
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Angie Lake

From: Voepel-Lewis, Terri <terriv@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Angie Lake; Rep. James Lower (District 70); Rep. Kathy Crawford (District 38); Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Roger Hauck (District 99); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Patrick Green (District 28); Rep. Jeremy Moss (District 35); Rep. Jim Ellison (District 26); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92)
Subject: Testimony HB 4105 and HB 4334

Hello Rep Lower and Committee Members:

I am writing to strongly oppose the measures suggested in HBs 4105 and 4334. I am a resident of Ann Arbor and am strongly supportive of our status as a sanctuary city that welcomes our immigrants. Our local police are funded to support our local laws and statutes and are not funded to investigate citizenship status.

Nearly all of our immigrants are employed, and contributing citizens to the local economy. Our immigrants in Michigan have contributed nearly \$83 million to the state and local taxes. The proposed bills send clear messages that our immigrants are unwelcomed. This will harm our economy and the ability of our state to attract and keep young workforce – since millennials want a welcoming and diverse society.

The proposed bill will also remove local control from my city and others. The proposed bills would allow for endless litigation that would ultimately affect the ability of my local government to manage the issues that I and other concerned citizens believe to be more important and pressing local issues.

The State needs to recognize our rights as Michigan citizens to have our local officials who are funded largely by our local tax money to address the needs of our locales. I do not believe this includes doing the work of federal agents, particularly since this will harm our economy and reputation of our state.

We want Michigan to be a magnet state – one that welcomes young entrepreneurs and forward-thinking individuals who will contribute to the prosper of our state!

Sincerely,
Terri Voepel-Lewis
A concerned Ann Arbor Citizen

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Angie Lake

From: Grace Helms Kotre <gracekotre@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Dear Ms. Lake, I am writing in strong opposition to bill 4105.

Our state government needs to recognize the rights of local governments to represent the needs and constitutional rights of its community members. Michiganders have the right to be protected from intrusion from an invasive state government.

Also, I am deeply troubled by the idea that my friends and neighbors will be profiled and asked about their residency status simply based on assumptions. This unfair treatment is simply un-American. Local law enforcement needs residents who feel respected in order to help protecting the community.

Please protect the rights of Michiganders and our elected local governments and OPPOSE bill 4105. Thank you.

Grace Helms Kotre
Ann Arbor, MI

Angie Lake

From: Hadden, Sue <haddens@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: HB 4105 and HB 4334

Please let the record show that I am opposed to these bills. There are serious questions about the constitutionality of these bills. But even if they are constitutional, is this the kind of state we want to live in? Cities have the right to protect their citizens and create the type of city that they would like to live in. My 4 grandparents were immigrants and I would not be here without them. Therefore I believe in protecting our immigrants. They work harder than most Americans and pay taxes.

Additionally, The threat to remove state funding from communities found not to be in compliance creates major incentives for communities to engage in racial profiling. Immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than the general population and many rural communities in Michigan have very few immigrants residing in or visiting them. It's reasonable to assume that many Michigan municipalities might arrest no undocumented immigrants in a given year. Fearing being targeted for loss of revenue, an unscrupulous official could feel pressure to target immigrants in the hope of having an arrest to report. Studies of the federal "287(g)" program, whose expanded use was recently urged in an executive order signed by President Trump last week, revealed that local police involvement in the program resulted in widespread racial profiling. That order also sought to punish so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions. However, serious questions remain about the constitutionality of that action.

Sincerely,
Sue Hadden

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Angie Lake

From: Neal McKenna <nxmckenna@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Opposition to HB 4334 and HB 4105

Dear Committee Clerk Angie Lake,

I am writing you to voice my opposition to the anti-sanctuary bills being considered today by the Michigan House Committee on Local Government. I believe that anti-sanctuary measures are divisive and harmful to society, and would be an unnecessary expense that would have only ill effects.

Local governments are the best at dealing with their local situations, and the decisions about sanctuary policies should be left to each municipality to decide. While perhaps this bill is well intentioned I believe that our local governments throughout Michigan are doing and will continue to do an excellent job of policing and do not need the intrusion and interference of House Bill 4334 and House Bill 4105.

As a working-class Michigander I request you make my position known to the other Committee members, and I thank you for your time and service to the state and people of Michigan.

Thanks,

Neal McKenna

Angie Lake

From: c s <ces3232@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Angie Lake; Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64)
Subject: HB 4105 & 4334

Dear Representative Alexander and Committee,

I am writing this as a horrified constituent in Jackson. These bills are woefully shortsighted and damaging to our State! Not only are they a threat to our local municipalities democracy but they also threaten our local economies. Allowing rogue individuals to sue usurps the voice of the people through our elections and puts control into the hands of any one individual who wants to essentially hold their town hostage. Additionally, by supporting racist legislation such as this you are forcing working, taxpaying, job creating, productive humans back into the shadows. Time and time again we've seen the devastating impact of forcing our neighbors to hide. This leads to children unable to get proper medical care, victims of crimes who are unable to report what happened to them thus allowing others to fall victim, less money in our State and local economies and a shrinking taxbase. This is a foolish & harmful path for Michigan and local municipalities. Please pull these garbage bills, its not the direction your constituents want to take!!

Sincerely,

Colleen Sullivan
502 McBride St.
Jackson, MI 49203

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Angie Lake

From: Charles Godbout <chas.godbout@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: For the Record Comments in Opposition to both HB 4105 and HB 4334

I see from the agenda for the Local Government Committee Meeting scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday May24th 2017 that the two bills that are the subject of this e-mail, HB 4105 and HB 4334 are up for discussion and potential vote by the committee.

I would like to register my comments that the members of the committee should vote no or take no action on advancing either of these bills to the full house.

I am strenuously opposed to bill HB 4105 that would mandate that local jurisdictions should not just pass any ordinances providing law enforcement officials with guidance regarding providing sanctuary to immigrants within their community but goes further to require that local law enforcement actually act as an arm of Federal Immigration and Enforcement and also be required by the state to report the number of instances in which the local jurisdiction reported an individual to Federal Immigration and Enforcement.

Both of these bills will only make the state of Michigan appear less welcoming to immigrants and their families. Coming from an agricultural and tourist county, Leelanau County, that is highly dependent on the availability of migrant farm labor and migrant labor to work in the seasonal tourist, we don't need the State taking any actions that would worsen the available of the labor resources that are required for our counties farms and businesses to flourish.

I am submitting these comments to the committee via e-mail because I live in Empire Michigan and cannot attend the meeting in person. Please let me know if there is some other manner in which comments should be made to the Committee.

Charles N Godbout
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Empire, MI 49630

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Angie Lake

From: Jayanthi Reddy <jaysreddy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:15 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Testimony against HB4105

To the Committee on Local Government,

I would like to voice concerned opposition to HB 4105. I believe that this bill would be incredibly harmful to many local communities across Michigan. First, the bills would remove autonomy from local governments in deciding policy and practices that they believe would support individual in their communities, as well as law enforcement officers working in their communities. Additionally, I believe that the legislation would encourage an environment of fear for many immigrants, their families, friends, and neighbors. I believe that legislation should always be aimed at making our communities as welcoming and safe as possible. Also, I believe that the legislation would put increased stress on local governments in implementing this type of legislation and would also put increased stress on our local law enforcement officers who already have a great deal of responsibility in protecting our communities and remaining vigilant towards violent crimes. This type of legislation would not address immigration reform, but would rather target people who are already a part of our communities. I believe this would be detrimental to the well being of communities across our great state.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Jayanthi Reddy

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Jayanthi Reddy
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Angie Lake

From: Annemarie Sammartino <asammart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Public Comment vs. HB 4105 and HB 4334

To the Committee,

I am writing as a Michigander who cares deeply about this state and its people.

I am disturbed by both HB 4105 and HB 4334, which would hinder both local communities and our residents (documented and undocumented alike), all in the service of an agenda that is economically wrongheaded, damaging to local governance, and cruel.

First, undocumented people make up about 1% of Michigan's population, and contribute to our communities in terms of the millions of state and federal taxes that they pay, the jobs they work largely in industries that citizens don't want to work and the many businesses they have started, some of which employ US citizens. Indeed, there is a consensus among economists from the right and left of the political spectrum that undocumented people help the US economy much more than they cost it. If you pursue these bills, you will economically harm a state that is already in fragile state.

Second, these bills would allow anti-immigrant groups and individuals to tie up local governments in unending court battles. They are most likely illegal bills, but if they were allowed to stand, they would set a precedent for the state to pass other such bills. Even if you don't agree with sanctuary cities, could you imagine what would happen if the state passed bills punishing local governments that agreed with your priorities? If you pursue these bills, you will irrevocably harm local governance in this state for decades going forward.

Please do the right thing and reject HB 4105 and HB 4334.

Sincerely,
Annemarie Sammartino

Angie Lake

From: Fran Hubert <fjh250@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: HB 4105 and 4334

I am deeply opposed to this legislation.
Any thing that restricts a woman's right to choose is against my beliefs.

DO NOT support these bills!

Fran Hubert
Harrison Twp MI 48045

Angie Lake

From: Richard Stahler-Sholk <rsholk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Angie Lake; Rep. James Lower (District 70)
Subject: comments on HB4105 and HB4334

Honorable James Lower
Chair, Local Government Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, MI

Dear Representative Lower and Local Government Committee members:

I am writing to express my opposition to HB4105 and HB4334, the anti-welcoming city bills, in the hopes that you will take these comments into consideration during your deliberations. I understand there are committee hearings on these bills scheduled for today.

As a 20-year resident of Ann Arbor who works in Ypsilanti, I am very appreciative of the diversity and inclusion that have enhanced the quality of life for everyone in our communities. I strongly support the ordinances recently passed by both of these cities directing city employees and agencies to not inquire about immigration status unless it is immediately relevant to protecting public safety.

My concern about the proposed legislation is that it would force local governments to become the enforcers of Federal laws for which they do not have the appropriate training or resources, and would lead to racial and ethnic profiling of anyone perceived to be "foreign." By opening the door to discriminatory treatment, these bills if passed would generate costly and lengthy legal challenges. Pressuring local governments to become immigration enforcers would create fear and division in our communities, and would actually have a negative impact on public safety as many immigrants would be fearful of talking to police or cooperating with local government agencies.

Immigrants historically and up to the present time make a major positive contribution of energy and innovation that benefits our economy, society, and institutions of higher education. Creating an unwelcoming and divisive environment sends the wrong message that will undermine the strength of our communities. Local governments and law enforcement agencies are best positioned to determine and enforce policies and practices that build trust with their communities, free from this kind of pressure from Lansing that could lead to unconstitutional discrimination and profiling.

I urge you to keep our communities safe and welcoming by opposing HB4105 and HB4334.

Thank you,

Richard Stahler-Sholk
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Angie Lake

From: Ryan M <mckendre@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: HB 4105 "Sanctuary Policy Prohibition Act" - written testimony

Good morning,

This email to state my opposition to HB 4105.

Our state government needs to recognize the rights of local governments to represent the needs and constitutional rights of its community members. Michiganders have the right to be protected from intrusion from an invasive state government.

This will result in my friends and neighbors being profiled and asked about their residency status simply based on assumptions. I find this very disturbing. This unfair treatment is un-American. Local law enforcement needs residents who feel respected in order to help protecting the community. We need to strengthen this bond, and this bill will do the opposite.

I ask the committee members to **please protect the rights of Michiganders and our elected local governments and OPPOSE bill 4105.**

Thank you,
Ryan McKendree

Angie Lake

From: hilary Robinson <hilrob76@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Against House Bill 4105 and 4334

Hello Committee Clerk Angie Lake,

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to two bills being introduced today HB 4105 and HB 4334. Please let the committee know that many of us find these bills to be against our values as constituents.

I and my family strongly believe Michigan should be a compassionate and welcoming state for people from all countries.

Thank you for communicating this to the State House.

Hilary Robinson
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Ann Arbor, MI
48104

Angie Lake

From: Constance Burke <cnburke2756@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Angie Lake
Cc: Constance Burke
Subject: Oppose HB 4105 and HB 4334.

I want to state my opposition to HB 4105 and HB 4334. We need to find better ways to work with our immigrants, especially those with children who are U.S. Citizens. Let's look for a better solution that doesn't include hate or discrimination. Thank you.

Angie Lake

From: Deb Pilutti <dpilutti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: against HB4105 and HB 4334

Hello,

Please put me in the record that I am against HB4105 and HB 4334.

I think these bills would be extremely harmful to our state.
It absolves the state of inhumane actions AND allows for endless litigation by anyone in any community.

Sincerely,
Deborah Pilutti
Ann Arbor

Angie Lake

From: Neff, Mary (Mary) <maryneff@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: House bills 4105 and 4334. VOTE NO!

The "sanctuary policy prohibition acts" via bills 4105 and 4334 are un-American.
We are a country of immigrants and care for people's lives.
Vote them down.

Thank you,

Mary Neff CRNA
Senior Nurse Anesthetist
EAASC
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Angie Lake

From: Morris, Susan <susanmas@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Bill HB 4105 & 4334

To vote for these bills would be un-american. We are a country of immigrants. You need to vote NO.

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Angie Lake

From: House Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: FW: Testimony against HB 4105

From: Jayanthi Reddy [mailto:jaysreddy@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:17 PM
To: Rep. James Lower (District 70) <JamesLower@house.mi.gov>; House Clerk <HouseClerk@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Testimony against HB 4105

To the Committee on Local Government,

I would like to voice concerned opposition to HB 4105. I believe that this bill would be incredibly harmful to many local communities across Michigan. First, the bills would remove autonomy from local governments in deciding policy and practices that they believe would support individual in their communities, as well as law enforcement officers working in their communities. Additionally, I believe that the legislation would encourage an environment of fear for many immigrants, their families, friends, and neighbors. I believe that legislation should always be aimed at making our communities as welcoming and safe as possible. Also, I believe that the legislation would put increased stress on local governments in implementing this type of legislation and would also put increased stress on our local law enforcement officers who already have a great deal of responsibility in protecting our communities and remaining vigilant towards violent crimes. This type of legislation would not address immigration reform, but would rather target people who are already a part of our communities. I believe this would be detrimental to the well being of communities across our great state.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Jayanthi Reddy

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Jayanthi Reddy
917.270.5188

Angie Lake

From: Heather Robinson <h.robinson21@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: HB 4105 and HB 4334

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Lake,

Please add this email to what I assume are hundreds if not thousands opposing HB 4105 and HB 4334. I cannot believe that our municipalities, our state, and our country have come to this where we do a complete turnaround for what this country has stood for over 200 years. Immigrants made this great country and will continue to strengthen our country. Don't let fear rob us of our integrity.

Thank you,
Heather and Matt Robinson
Ann Arbor, MI

Angie Lake

From: Danielle LaVaque-Manty <dlavaque1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Testimony for public record on HB 4105 and 4334

Dear Clerk Lake,

Please include my opposition to House Bills 4105 and 4334 to the public record.

I am opposed to these bills for reasons of both principle and pragmatism.

These bills violate the intrinsically American principle of local control. And in pragmatic terms, they will make our communities less safe, making undocumented immigrants afraid of the police and unwilling to report crimes.

For these reasons, I believe these laws would be detrimental to our state.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Danielle LaVaque-Manty
2257 Miller Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103